

04/12/01



jc839 U.S. PTO

04-13-01

**MICHAEL E. MAUNEY**

ATTORNEY AT LAW

REGISTERED BEFORE THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 33,731

SOUTHPORT OFFICE:  
801 N. HOWE STREET  
P. O. BOX 10266  
SOUTHPORT, N. C. 28461  
(910) 457-0056  
800-206-9044 TOLL FREE

April 12, 2001

DURHAM OFFICE:  
2003 CHAPEL HILL ROAD  
P. O. BOX 829  
DURHAM, N. C. 27702  
(919) 683-2120

A  
jc903 U.S. PTO  
09/833519  
04/12/01

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Box New Application  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the Patent Application of Harry C. Merritt for FLY CASTING TRAINING DEVICE. Mr. Harry C. Merritt is an individual and qualifies as a small entity and hereby requests small entity status for payment of reduced fees.

Papers enclosed consist of:

- (1) a specification of 23 pages;
- (2) 20 claims including 3 independent claims;
- (3) formal drawings consisting of four sheets;
- (4) an Inventor's Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (5) an Information Disclosure Statement of two pages, a PTO Form 1449 of one page, and photocopies of 12 patents;
- (6) a Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail;
- (7) a Return Receipt Postcard.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 110 and § 153, Applicant respectfully requests this application be assigned a serial number with a filing date of April 12, 2001, the date upon which this application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$355.00, the basic filing fee for a utility patent for small entity. It is believed this is the correct fee because there are no claims in excess of 20, no multiple dependent claims, and no independent claims in excess of three.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

April 12, 2001

Page 2

If there are any further fees, or you have questions or comments, please notify me immediately. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and for your help and cooperation.

This the 12 day of April, 2001.

Michael E. Mauney  
Michael E. Mauney  
Attorney at Law  
Post Office Box 10266  
Southport, North Carolina 28461  
(910) 457-0056  
Registration #33,731